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SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

A Crazy Man Arrested on Park Street—Taken by Local Members of the Young Men's Democratic Club—Company's M's Rifle Team Wins in Pittsfield—Alert Home Company's New Officers—Death of Isaac Van Vleet—The Turn Verein Society Wins Honors in Boston.

ACTS OF A CRAZY MAN.

Threatens to Torment Thomas Carnes and Breaks Robert Nimmons' Show Case.

There was a large amount of excitement in that part of Park street which lies between School and Maple streets at about 8 o'clock this morning, caused by the crazy actions of a man who was later placed under arrest. The man started his crazy acting near the town hall and began by threatening to assault Thomas Carnes who was passing peacefully. The fellow entered Robert Nimmons' store, and told Mr. Nimmons' father, who was in charge, that he wanted a paper of tobacco. When the old gentleman turned to get the tobacco the crazy man struck the glass top of the show case in the center and smashed it. Mr. Nimmons remonstrated, but to no avail. After leaving the store he yelled and shouted and finally was held by people who were near until officers were called. Sheriff O'Brien and Chief Curran arrested him and had quite a little trouble on the way to the lockup. When asked his name the prisoner said: "Ed Whately, but I can give any other if I want to." On the way to the station Whately would lie down and the officers would be obliged to pick him up. They were not sure just how much drink had to do with his craziness and left him in the lockup all day.

WILL SUSTAIN WILLIAMS.

Local Members of the Young Men's Democratic Club Will Not Agree With the Majority.

The Young Men's Democratic club of Massachusetts voted six to one against free silver and the majority considers that silver men should now resign. George Fred Williams has refused to resign. There are three of the local members of the club, James E. Cadagan, Postmaster Fred W. Smith and Arthur E. Green, who voted for silver. Mr. Cadagan is a member of the club's executive committee. He was asked by a TRANSCRIPT reporter this morning if he would resign and he said he would not as he has paid his dues to the end of the year and does not see why he should not retain his membership. Mr. Smith and Mr. Green hold the same opinion.

Company M Won.

The ride match in Pittsfield Tuesday afternoon between teams from Company M of this town and the Pittsfield Rod and Gun club resulted in a victory for the Adams boys by a score of 410 to 398. This is a remarkably good showing, considering the fact that the militiamen used the regular military rifle and the Pittsfield men the light sportsman's gun. The teams comprise twelve men each and as some members of Company M's regular team were not present, there were many novices.

Brought Home from Boston.

The local Turn Verein society's representatives who went to Boston to compete for prizes with other societies from New England Saturday, Sunday and Monday, won four prizes. On their arrival Tuesday night the society showed its approval by meeting them with Germania band and marched from the end of the electric car line to Herman hall, where a reception was tendered the victors.

Isaac Van Vleet.

Isaac Van Vleet died at his home on East Hoosac street at an early hour this morning of chronic diarrhoea. Mr. Van Vleet was 73 years old, was born in Fitchburg, N. Y., and had lived here several years. The funeral will be held from his late home Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. M. Boyce officiating.

New Officers Elected.

The Alert hose company held its annual meeting at the hose house Friday evening and re-elected these officers: Foreman, Godfrey W. O'Brien; second assistant, William O'Brien; third assistant, William O'Brien; secretary and treasurer, Archie C. McKendie.

Dr. D. J. A. Arnold of New London, O.,

is visiting his brother, H. J. Arnold. The four-month-old daughter of W. G. and Bonnie Benson of Hallowell, Me., died in Boston and the remains were brought here on the 8:35 o'clock train Monday evening. Interment was made this afternoon.

The Renfro company's Dean street

dye-house was started today. "Little Kindnesses" was the subject of Tuesday evening's meeting of the Christian Endeavor society. Miss Maggie Carduff was leader.

Braggar Brothers' goods, teas, spices, etc., will be auctioned by sheriff O'Brien at 10:30 o'clock Saturday, and the firm's horses will be sold at 11 o'clock. The goods of Dominick Corisiglia, attached by Sheriff O'Brien recently to satisfy claims of R. G. Smith and James Hayes, will be auctioned at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A party of local young people went to Pontonoco, Tuesday, where they have a cottage engaged for the week.

Miss Lucy Somers is visiting Lee friends. Frank W. Roberts returned this morning from a visit in Springfield.

Eugene Day and William Gates, notermens for the Hoosac Valley street railway company, have exchanged places. Mr. Day going to the Williamstown road and Mr. Gates working on this end.

The L. L. Brown paper company's new engine will arrive Saturday.

George Wiley will go to Albany, N. Y., Thursday.

CHESHIRE.

The Cheshire Inn sign is a very neat and tasty one. It is in the lamp post, but another will probably be placed on the house.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE LAWN SOCIAL AT

Edgar Chase's fine grounds opposite the post office amounted to \$10. It was a pleasant party.

Miss Carrie Mason is at Ashfield for a few weeks.

Mrs. Henry Russell of Williamstown and Mrs. Andrew Heath are visiting in town.

Miss Josephine Dalton of New York is a guest of Anna Donovan.

Mrs. E. W. Blood and daughter, Mabel, went to Labanon Springs, N. Y., today to visit Mrs. Wm. Blood, who is very feeble and not expected to recover.

The blackberry season is beginning and good prices are paid. The blueberry is yet quite plentiful. Adams is the principal market.

John L. Cole was in town on Monday from Seattle, Washington.

The school superintendent and part of the committee go to Boston, Thursday, to obtain a principal, the position having been made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hitechook.

The school teachers in the outside districts are to have an increase of pay beginning with the school year.

Sup. E. P. Chapin of the B. & A. R. R. Co., was in town today.

Mrs. Richard Prout has returned and opened her house, where she intends to live.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Enchere Party at the Greylock.

There was a very pleasant enchere party at the Greylock Tuesday evening and the many persons present passed an enjoyable evening. The party began at 8:30 o'clock and lasted until 11. There were seven tables in play. The ladies prizes were distributed as follows: First, a silver bonnet dish, Mrs. V. N. Piccola of New York; second, a silver ladle, Miss J. Talcott; third, a handsome china dish, Mrs. David W. Bluns of Brooklyn, N. Y. These gentlemen won: First, two brushes, Mr. Hunt; second, a silver pencil holder and pencil, Mr. McLeod; third, a silver cigar cutter, Mr. Lewis.

Mrs. W. L. Crozier is on the sick list. Mrs. Jeremiah Hosford is seriously ill.

W. F. Williams of Harvard Divinity school is a guest of Miss Talcott at the Alpha Delta house.

The Citizens band will give a concert at Hebert's store this evening.

Among the late arrivals at the Greylock are Mrs. Rutherford Trowbridge and daughter, Miss Catherine B., of New Haven, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Abbott of Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith of New York.

The executive committee of the Village Improvement society met Monday evening and acted upon reports submitted by the committees of each of the nine districts. The work of the society shows itself on Park, Water and Main streets.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Boland and daughter of Manchester, Vt., are guests of Mrs. Boland's father, Charles G. Sanford.

BRAYTONVILLE.

A party from here is camping on Greylock.

John Hewitt, Mathew Morrison and George Campbell are camping at Sucker pond.

Robert Harrison, who has been out of town for a few days, has returned home. James Boulger is visiting relatives in Connecticut.

The Game as Played in Africa.

It can hardly be too often repeated that the Jameson raid and the Johannesburg rising are merely incidents in the game which has been played for years and is still playing between Mr. Rhodes as the representative of British hegemony and President Kruger as representative of Dutch and ultimately, though not willingly, of German hegemony. A good deal of preparation for President Kruger as a strong man in a difficult place and highly esteemed the Bours as a resolute and hardy race, but President Kruger's government is intolerable, and if he were to win we should lose the headship of South Africa. There is a great deal of talk now about getting at the guilty person behind Jameson's raid and Johannesburg's revolt. This is assumed to be Mr. Rhodes—a short sighted assumption.

Behind the reform committee, who merely found an ally in Mr. Rhodes, looms the formidable first cause of the disturbances in the Transvaal, the ungainly figure of the old copper dictator. Give him all praise for diplomacy, courage, tenacity and a certain diplomatic magnanimity, but remember that he is a good deal of a copper dictator, and that the real cause of the trouble, and that the guilt for the blood spilled at Krugersdorp, as for the suicides in the trunk at Pretoria, rests on the unrelenting, though somewhat unctuous, autocrat of the Transvaal.—Fortnightly Review.

Two Archbishops.

The archbishop of Canterbury is primate of all England, and therefore takes precedence of the archbishop of York, who is only "primate of England." This very nice distinction was made several centuries ago on account of a very bitter dispute arising between the two functionaries as to which should precede the other. The matter was settled by conferring precedence upon the archbishop of Canterbury, the two titles being also bestowed at the same time.

Side Talk at the Wedding.

"What sort of a girl is she?" "She is a miss with a mission."

"And her mission is seeking a man with a mission."

"Oh!"—Harlem Life.

Ducks and Drakes.

A man who wrote to Forest and Stream awhile ago said that 80 per cent of the ducks he had killed were drakes—four drakes to one female—and he wanted to know the reason why. Others promptly said they had observed similar preponderance of drakes, and also wanted to know why. One man told how he had seen one female duck chased by four or five males. He had killed 45 in a spring day's shooting, and of them only 9 were females.

Thus far no explanation has been given of the matter.

ELECTRICITY AND WAR.

The Telegraph as an Agency in Preventing Peace.

In the course of his farewell speech at the dinner of the British chamber of commerce in Paris Lord Dufferin, the retiring British ambassador, said:

"But whatever may be the ups and downs of the diplomatic career, every member of the service, no matter how unpromising the post he occupies, may console himself with the reflection that, if he is industrious, prudent, and, above all, single minded, the bread he eats upon the waters will not be lost, and that, perhaps, when he least expects it, his day will dawn, for, though, like everything else, the outward aspects of diplomacy have changed since the beginning of the century, never have the nations stood in greater need of the thing itself than at the present moment. What do we see around us? The whole of Europe is little better than a standing camp, with millions of armed men, while a double row of frowning and opposing fortresses bristles along every frontier. Our harbors are staffed, and the seas swarm with ironclad navies, to whose numbers, I am forced to admit, England has been obliged, in self defense, to add her modest quota. Even in the remotest east the passion for military expansion has displayed an unexpected development."

"In fact, thanks to the telegraph, the globe itself has become a mere bundle of nerves, and the slightest disturbance at any one point of the system sends a portentous tremor through its morbidly sensitive surface. We are told by the poets of old that when Zeus nodded the golden halls of his Olympians shook to their foundations. Today it would suffice for any one of half a dozen suggested personages to speak above his breath or unwittingly to raise his little finger, and, like in a heaven overcharged with electricity, the existing conditions of unstable equilibrium which sustains the European political system would be upset, and war, waged in circumstances of greater horror than has been hitherto known to the experience of mankind, might eventually envelop not Europe alone, but two—nay, all the four—continents at once, since in every one of them representatives and footholds of the contending nations would of necessity be brought into collision."

"It is to prevent catastrophes of this kind that we meek, civil spoken and mild mannered persons have been invented. Looking at us, you will perhaps say that we are a poor and feeble folk, and that our calling is a sorry preservation against such dangers; but, such as it is, it is the best device that human ingenuity has been able to discover. After all, a very thin wire proves a very effective lightning conductor, and for over 80 years, thanks to this unpretending agency, an unbroken peace has been maintained between your native land and the country with whose prosperity and welfare your own interests are so closely associated."

Unhappy Austria.

The cruel humiliation Austria suffered in Italy was followed by the crushing blow at Sadova and the not less painful collapse of a brother's ambitions in Mexico. If the dignity of a Caesar was to be saved for the Hapsburgs out of the wreck, it seemed most likely to be achieved on the lines suggested by Count Benet. The choice once made, it was impossible to turn back. What is given as a boon to distressed nationalities in the name of progress cannot afterward be withdrawn on the plea of prudence. The result is pathetic, but there is no help for it.

We see Croats, Rumanians, Poles, Serbians, Wallachs and the rest of the half barbarous hordes cutting one another's throats when they are not combining to insult the civilized Hungarians and Germans, whose fates it is to be their neighbors. We see Vienna itself in the hands of a fanatical anti-Semitic rabble, and we see the power of the only capable parliamentary party in Austria broken by hopeless dissensions. Truly the domestic state of the empire is nothing less than pitiable. Its influence in Europe is also a thing of the past. The Balkan states, which were its props in the south, have publicly gone over to Russia, and its solitary remaining protection against dismemberment is the alliance with Italy, which cov

